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Subject: Lynnwood Utility District Rate Increase

We are writing in protest of the rate increase given to Lynnwood Utility District. We feel that this increase is unjustifiably high and does not take into consideration the higher use of water in the summer months. We should NOT pay more for waste disposal than water usage.

In examining the numbers, we feel that the rate 5.77 per 1000 gallons is exorbitant. This new rate represents a 200% increase for sewage disposal over our previous rate. The non residents of Franklin are not charged as much for their sewage disposal. We should not have subsidize Lynnwood Utility for their mismanagement of funds and their expansion into the Legends Ridge and Rivers Edge subdivisions.

We are a three bedroom household in Cottonwood with only 2 adults. Since 1980 we paid \$14.25 per month for sewage. With this sudden increase in our rates, we have paid over \$30.00 each month and we have not begun to water the garden yet. Our average usage during the winter is 4000 gallons, but with hot, dry summers it will increase to 10,000 gallons. We feel it most unfair to have sewage charges based on water usage unless it is based solely on average winter usage between November to March. The increase in water usage in the summer does not enter Lynnwood Utility's system and they do not process any increased sewage.

Thank for your time and consideration on this important matter. Please reduce the rates and provide for winter average usage billing.

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